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1. In February 1950, the Bulgarian Government first permitted Soviet citizens to enter Bulgaria from Yugoslavia. These Russians, who obtained Soviet citizenship in 1945, were and are being escorted from Caribrod in Yugoslavia to Bulgaria, where they are immediately placed in camps in Sofia, Varna and Evsinograd. Although only a few of them desire to return to the Soviet Union, they are being compelled to leave Yugoslavia.
2. An agreement has been reached by the Yugoslav and Soviet Governments regarding the handling of these former White Russians. There are now about 6,000 of them in Yugoslavia, most of whom are in collective camps in Belgrade, Slavonski Brod and Zagreb.
3. One group of Russians which did not apply for Soviet citizenship in 1944 and 1945, at present either Yugoslav citizens or stateless, was permitted by the Yugoslav Government to leave the country for the West.* Those of White Russian parents, born in Yugoslavia and consequently citizens by birth, and who have been active in Yugoslav Communism, are not molested by the regime.
4. Russian women, who are Soviet citizens and married to Yugoslavs, were told by the Soviet Embassy in Belgrade not to seek or accept Yugoslav citizenship. They were further instructed to remain in Yugoslavia at all costs, on the grounds that, as wives of Yugoslav citizens, they cannot be deported from the country.

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